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In re application of: **Michael BANTLIN, et al.**
 Application No.: 10/766,275
 Filed: January 28, 2004
 For: **METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING THE MAIN PILE AND AUXILIARY PILE**

Sir:

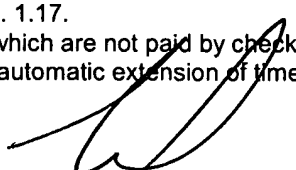
Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (7 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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	AFTER	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus 20	=	0	x \$ 25	\$		x \$ 50	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus 3	=	0	x \$ 100	\$		x \$ 200	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$ 180	\$	+	\$ 360
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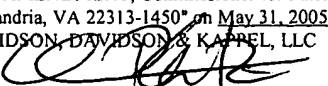
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☒ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☐ Other:
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of **\$450.00** is/are attached to cover:
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
☒ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 11, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following amendments and remarks: